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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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## BANKS.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—E. D. HARRISON, Esq.  
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MANAGER.  
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LONDON, BANKERS.—London and Country Bank.

### HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

**RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.**  
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " " "  
" 12 " " 5 " " "  
D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,800,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 2150,000.

### THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

### THE CITY BANK.

### NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

### RATES of Interest ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL, 2,750,000.  
RESERVE FUND, 2151,560.10.

### THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

### THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

**RATES of Interest allowed on Fixed Deposits.**  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 3 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 4 per cent. " "  
Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount, 5 per cent. annum.

Notes for Advances, according to terms required, may be secured on application.

E. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## RECENTLY ARRIVED, FOR SALE.

### TEYSSONNEAU'S FINE FRENCH STRAWBERRIES.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

MACASSAR RED FISH.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in BOTTLES of ONE POUND.

BUSCK & Co.'s SELECTED DANISH BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb., 2 lbs., and 4 lbs.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD STORES.

EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

MAKEREL and SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.

COD FISH, &c., &c.

HOTH'S BEST RUSSIAN ROPE, and FINE LINES, Assorted Sizes.

FROST BROS' BEST ENGLISH WHITE LINES.

HENRY'S BEST GOVERNMENT NAVY CANVAS, Assorted Numbers.

INDIA RUBBER SHEET PACKING and INSERTION, all Sizes.

TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS HOSE and LEATHER BELTING.

AMERICAN ASH BOAT-OARS.

ADMIRALTY TESTED CHAIN CABLES, and RIGGING CHAIN.

ANCHORS, from 25 lbs. up to 18 cwt.

Each.

PERFORATED ZINC SHEETS.

TINMAN'S and PLUMBER'S SOLDIER.

LEAD PIPE, and SHEET LEAD.

FAIRBANK'S PLATFORM SCALES, from 400 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.

MASSER'S PATENT LOGS.

FLOUR SIEVES.

INDIA RUBBER KNEE and HIP BOOTS, &c., &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## Intimations.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

### SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENDERS for the PRIVILEGE OF PREPARING and SELLING PEPPERED OPIUM within the Colony for the Term of One, Two, or Three Years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 will be Received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd September, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licenses direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command, J. M. PRICE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WITH Reference to the above Notification, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to extend the period up to which TENDERS will be Received to Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd October.

By Command, J. M. PRICE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, September 6, 1878.

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after 1st SEPTEMBER, RETAIL SALES of the Company's Manufactures will be Reserved at the REFINERY.

East Point,  
August 24, 1878.

### F. H. TONG'S

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WALLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

The Following GOODS Suitable for the present Season have just been received, from which an early Selection is requested.

THIN BLACK SUPERFINE, for Dress Suits.

FANCY BLACK and BLUE CASHMERE, MELTONS, &c., for Morning Suits.

HOME SPUN, FRIEZE, BEAVER, &c., for Ulsters.

SUPERFINE BEAVER, &c., for Light Overcoats.

HOME SPUN TWEEDS and ANGOLA, for Suits and Trowersings.

EXTRA THIN TWEEDS and ANGOLA, for Summer Suits and Trowersings.

BLACK, BLUE, and COLOURED SERGES, for Suits.

CORDS, STOCKINETTES and CASSIMERES, for Riding Trowers.

UNIFORMS, LACE, BUTTONS, &c., for H. B. M. Navy and U. S. Navy.

BULLOCK LADE'S SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY.

"S. B. H." The Finest OLD WHISKY, ever imported.

IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

Extra-Fine ISIGNY BUTTER.

CHARCOAL and SPONGE FILTERS.

SILBER LAMPS for Kerosine, in large assortment.

LAWN TENNIS SETS.

LADIES' GARDEN TOOLS.

VEGETABLE and FLOWER SEEDS.

CORE'S GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

Very Fine FRESH APPLES, for Box or per Dozen.

BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

## HONGKONG RACE FUND.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to the HONGKONG RACE FUND will be Held at the Club, on THURSDAY, the 3rd October, 1878, at 4 o'clock p.m.

By Order, M. W. SAUNDERS, Lieut. R.A., Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, September 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE CITY HALL LIBRARY and MUSEUM will be CLOSED to the Public from the 2nd to the 30th SEPTEMBER NEXT. Residents wishing to refer to Books in the Library during that period can do so by Application to the Secretary.

By Order, H. L. DENNIS, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he intends VISITING AMOY and Fookow, leaving Hongkong September 15th, and returning November 1st.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be TWO CENTS per Pound.

ICE HOUSE, HONGKONG, Sept. 23, 1878.

## HONGKONG WARE & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Cheap Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision, and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co., Proprietors.

Hongkong, August 22, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)

The Spanish Steamer "SALVADORA."

LARRINAGA, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY Next, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The British Steamer "LORNE."

Capt. McCULLOCH, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "GLENARTNEY."

shortly expected from Singapore, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

### MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Australian Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamship "OCEAN,"

Captain EDMUNDSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 3rd October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents, A. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1878.

### FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA."

Capt. CULLEN, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 25, 1878.

### NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "YANGTSE,"

Commandant RAPAPET, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 21, 1878.

### NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "VOLGA,"

Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 21, 1878.

## Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Schooner "NUEVO CONSTANTE,"

URIASTE, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, &c., apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, September 21, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/4 L 11 German Bark "PANDUR."

A. JENSEN, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 21, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.

The German Schooner "JAPAN,"

Captain OTTMANN, will be despatched as above on or about 2nd Proximo.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 15, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The A 1 British Bark "CHARLOTTE ANDREWS,"

Captain FRASER, will load here, and have a quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "LIZZIE PERRY,"

Captain PITMAN, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "SUMNER R. MEAD,"

DIXON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Ship "MARY FRASER,"

Dexter, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "ALDEBARAN,"

Geo. COLE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Ship "GEORGE CHARLES NAPIER,"

Geo. FRASER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "LOTTIS MOORE,"

Hudson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

## Intimations.

**MURRAY & LANMAN'S**  
**FLORIDA WATER.**  
**CAUTION.**  
H<sup>AVING</sup> Learned that Large Quantities of IMITATIONS of our FLORIDA WATER have recently been imported to Hongkong, we caution the Public against purchasing any that does not bear the name "MURRAY & LANMAN" on the label. Each Bottle of the Genuine is wrapped with a pamphlet printed on paper which has the words "LANMAN & KEMP, NEW YORK" in Water Mark.  
Messrs MELOHERS & Co. are our only Agents for Sale of the Genuine Florida Water at Hongkong.  
**LANMAN & KEMP.**  
New York, July 9, 1878. no20

## NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that all BILLS against the British Bark "GLAMIS" will not be Paid unless approved and countersigned by us, and that we do not hold ourselves RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Captain, Officers or Crew.  
**RUSSELL & Co.,**  
Agents for the Owners of the British Bark "Glamis."  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878. oc20

## AFONG,

**PHOTOGRAPHER,**  
by appointment, to  
**H. F. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RIDER, AND H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.**

THE Spacious Premises being built especially for the production of Portraits and fitted up so as to command the best light throughout all the Hours of the Day is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m., under the personal Management of D. K. Griffith, who has introduced all the latest novelties.

## ENLARGEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS.

In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.  
**STUDIO, QUEEN'S ROAD,**  
Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, September 12, 1878.

## Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

## Now Ready.

## No. 1.—Vol. VII.

## OF THE

## "CHINA REVIEW"

## CONTAINS—

The Chinese in Borneo.  
Jottings from the Book of Rites.  
The Character of the Chinese.  
On the Use of the Character Fan.  
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.  
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Oh'ung.  
Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.  
The Ballads of the Shi-king.  
Translations of Chinese School-books.  
Perkin Warbeck in China.  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.  
Notes and Queries:—  
Dutch Doctors in Borneo.  
The Giraffe and the Ki-lin.  
On the Syllabic Spelling.  
Loots Operated in Flogging.  
Early Events in Canton, in 1877-8.  
A Chinese Coin.  
Annamese Sovereigns.  
Chinese Bank-notes.  
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

**STRATHEARN**, British barque, Captain Wm. Anderson.—M. M. Co.  
**LOHNS**, British steamer, Captain Wm. McQuillan.—Molchers & Co.  
**BRUNNEN**, British barque, Captain W. Dow.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.  
**HAMBURG**, German barque, Captain H. von Kroge.—Eduard Schellhans & Co.  
**MELBOURNE**, American ship, Captain D. Plumer.—Order.  
**IMPERATRICE ELISABETTA**, Austrian ship, Capt. Breghel.—D. Musco & Co.  
**INDIA**, American ship, Capt. O. Patton.—Order.  
**DOX QUIXOTE**, American ship, Captain Chas. F. King.—Messageries Maritimes.  
**FUSILLER**, British barque, Captain Wm. Armstrong.—O. & S. S. Co.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:—  
**HERBY**, British ship, Captain Chas. Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

## Notices to Consignees.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at this risk and expense.  
**No Fire Insurance has been effected.**  
**H. DU POUET,**  
Agent.

At R No. 200, Messrs Ullmann & Co., 1 case Laces, 1 case Marcelline.  
Hongkong, September 24, 1878.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

**MR HENRI VINAY** has been Appointed AGENT for the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, at Hongkong. Mr ERNEST SCHEVEBLIN will have power to act at the same place in Mr VINAY'S absence.

**E. G. VOUILLEMONT,**  
Manager,  
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,  
SHANGHAI.  
Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day OPENED the AGENCY of the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, at the Office of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

**H. VINAY,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, September 12, 1878. oc19

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

**J. INGLIS & Co.**  
Hongkong, June 13, 1878. da13

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, **HOP YEK & Co.** of Howard's Godowns, No. 239, Shek Tong Tzoi, begs to notify that the said Company is not now responsible for any Debts contracted by any of the Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no Debt, if any, can be deducted from the Rent Payable to the said Company. The Company is only Responsible for those Accounts, which are Confirmed and Signed by Mr CHU WING OR himself, of the Kung Yün shop, Wing Lok Street.

**HOP YEK & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 13, 1878. oc18

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day Purchased the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr W. BALL, will conduct and carry on the said Business (in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY) on his own account from This Date.

**WM. ORUICKSHANK.**  
Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

**CHUN AYIN.**  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

**KONG CHIM,**  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## For Sale.

**FOR SALE.**  
TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c. Complete.  
Apply to  
**D. NOWROJEE,**  
Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, July 11, 1878. tl

## FOR SALE.

**A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.** Part I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN STRICK, Ph.D. Tübingen.  
Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.  
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.**  
The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. TOWNS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 29th Instant, at 10 a.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878. oc29

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.**  
The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain PRIZMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 24, 1878. oc30

## To-day's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.**

**SATURDAY EVENING,**  
September 28th, 1878.

**THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY.**

**SATURDAY EVENING,**  
September 28th, 1878.

Will be produced  
**LEOCQ'S SPARKLING COMIO OPERA**  
"GROFLE-GROFLA,"  
in Three Acts.

**CAST OF CHARACTERS:**  
GROFLE (Twin) Miss ELICIA MAY.  
GROFLA (Sister) Miss A. DRABER.  
Marsquin,.....Miss A. DRABER.  
Don Bolero d'Alca-razas,.....Mr G. HODSON.  
Mourzouk,.....Mr H. VERNON.  
Pedro,.....Mr J. ROLLINS.  
Aurore,.....Miss B. DRABER.  
Paquita,.....Miss CLARA STANLEY.  
Pirates, Moors, &c.

**NEW SCENERY AND EFFECTS,**  
by  
**SENIOR BAPTISTA.**  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR,.....MR PANIZZA.  
The Operas are produced under the Sole direction of  
**MR H. VERNON.**

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KAUS & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

**PRICES OF ADMISSION:**  
Dress Circle or Orchestra Stalls.....TWO DOLLARS.  
Pit.....ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878. oc28

**FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.**  
(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)  
The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN" will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 8th October, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878. oc8

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**  
Sept. 26, Conquest, British steamer, 317, South, Halphong Sept. 21, and Holbow 24, General and Treasure (\$25,000).—Kwong Lee Yuen.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Sept. 26, Namoa, for Coast Ports. 26, Per, for Newchwang. 26, Diomed, for Shanghai.

**CLEARED.**  
Formosa, for Bangkok. Strathern, for Portland (Oregon). Varuna, for Newchwang. Civille, for Newchwang. Sarah Bell, for San Francisco. John Potts, for Newchwang. Brema, for Manila. Southern Cross, for Manila.

**PASSENGERS.**  
ARRIVED.  
Per Conquest, from Halphong, &c., 60 Chinese.  
DEPARTED.  
Per Namoa, for Foochow, Mr W. S. Young.  
Per Diomed, for Shanghai, Mr C. Halliburton.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
The British steamer Conquest reports: Left Halphong at 6 a.m. on the 21st inst. Met British barque Marquis of Argyll, and British barque Zeta, bound in, wishing to be reported, and arrived at Holbow at noon on the 22nd. Left Holbow at 6 a.m., 24th and throughout the passage experienced strong N.E. winds and heavy sea.

**CARGO.**  
Per O. & S. S. Co.'s S. S. Belgic, sailed 11th September, 1878.—For Yokohama, 64 pkgs. Cargo, 1,688 bags Sugar, 104 cases Caster Oil, 200 bundles Iron, 4 pkgs. Ginseng, and 208 pkgs. Merchandise for San Francisco. 43,245 bags Rice, 140 bags Sugar, 10 bags Coffee, 23 bags Cloves, 8 cases Silk, 6 cases Crude Opium, 5 bags Silk, 15 bales Cinnamon, 885 pkgs. Tea, 81 boxes Prepared Opium, 35 cases Shellac, and 2,881 pkgs. Merchandise; for Boston, 12 bales Silk, and 22 pkgs. Merchandise; for Chicago, 885 pkgs. Tea; for New York, 80 pkgs. Merchandise, 200 bales and 1 case Silk, and 2,140 pkgs. Tea.

**POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.**  
MAILS will close:—  
For SWATOW.—  
Per Olympia, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 29th inst., instead of as previously notified.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—  
Per Salvador, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 27th inst.

For BANGKOK.—  
Per Danube, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 27th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—  
Per Lorne, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th inst.

For SAIGON.—  
Per Pernambuco, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th inst.

For AMOY, TAIWAN, AND TAMSUI.—  
Per Tainan, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 29th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOH.—  
Per Douglas, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 30th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, AND SYDNEY.—  
Per Ocean, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 8th Oct. 12 cent rates.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.**  
The French Contract Packet *Sindh* will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Mauritius, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—  
Friday, 27th inst.—  
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th inst.—  
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, September 14, 1878. oc28

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**  
The United States Mail Packet *Gaelic* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st October, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m., Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, September 17, 1878. oc1

**MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.**  
The Australian Contract Packet *Bowen* will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 8th October, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Kappel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Supplementary mail received on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Sept. 28, 1878. oc3

**MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.**  
The British Contract Packet *Hindostan* will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Buzmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on THURSDAY, the 10th Oct.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—  
Wednesday, 9th Oct.—  
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 10th Oct.—  
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 45 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, Sept. 28, 1878. oc10

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

Noon.—Salvadora leaves for Manila.

Auction.  
2 p.m.—Sale of Chinese and Japanese Ware, &c., at Mr Armstrong's Sale Rooms.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, September 28:—  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.  
2 p.m.—Lorne leaves for Singapore, &c. Glenartney leaves for Yokohama, &c., on or about this date.  
Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.

SUNDAY, September 29:—  
10 a.m.—Taiwan leaves for Amoy, &c.  
Monday, September 30:—  
Noon.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

Noon.—Sale of Property, Island Lot No. 309, by Mr Armstrong.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, at its Head Office, Hongkong.

TUESDAY, October 1:—  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

THURSDAY, October 3:—  
4 p.m.—Meeting of Subscribers to the H. K. Race Fund.

TUESDAY, October 8:—  
Noon.—Ocean leaves for Port Darwin, &c.  
Noon.—Bowen leaves for Singapore, &c.

THURSDAY, October 10:—  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

TUESDAY, October 15:—  
Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 1878.

THE more we think about the affair of Tuesday night, the more we are amazed at the audacity of the undertaking. One of its most astonishing features is the craftiness and skill displayed in the organisation and carrying out of the attack. Passing over the thought and carefulness evinced in every detail of the approach, landing, attack, and defence, could anyone conceive a cleverer or bolder dodge than detailing a party to seize, and deliberately raise steam on, a launch in order to facilitate the escape. It has generally been urged hitherto that the Chinese do not appreciate the advantages of steam. This episode will, we should imagine, tend somewhat to explode that belief, so far, at least, as it applies to the "Heathen Chinese."

Down in this corner of the Empire. Once on board the "Kate" the desperadoes could bid defiance to pursuit, and glide about the harbour for half an hour in perfect security. It is now nearly a year since Mr Hennessy obtained a vote in the Legislative Council for several steam launches to be used for police purposes. Nothing appears, however, to have resulted from that proceeding up to the present moment. The vote has evidently been smothered "under consideration," probably by the authorities at Home, in the same way as those for the typhoon refuge, the separate system in the gaol, the lunatic asylum, and the observatory. The events of Tuesday night show the desirability of providing these launches, and we trust they will be included in any new arrangements that may be made to prevent the re-occurrence of a plundering expedition of this nature.

It is not only that six constables have been half murdered, and a few hundred dollars carried away, but British prestige, the red rag of home politicians, has suffered. The Colony has been invaded and plundered, and a vaunted police force of 600 men, supported by a regiment of Her Majesty's troops, defiantly bearded, not by a respectable array of Russians, but by half a hundred of wretched, rascally, Chinese. If this sort of thing goes on, our Macao friends will be again furnishing their houses and raising their rents in anticipation of a stampede of residents from the dangerous precincts of this Colony.

We have heard the question asked: "Where were the Chinese constables during the melee?" The only native who seems to have rendered the slightest assistance on the side of law and order on the occasion was the district watchman, who gave the alarm and was immediately speared. There ought, we believe, to have been four or five Chinese constables almost within hail of the spot, but we do not find the name of any one of

these heroes among the wounded, nor any record of their having appeared at all upon the scene. It is true that this may have been the fault of the reporter, but we do hear a rumour of the conduct of the Chinese constables on this occasion, not reflecting much glory on these picturesque hatted protectors of ours. As a matter of fact, we have no great confidence in these gallant individuals. In detective work they may be found useful enough, but for protective purposes, or the general duties of a policeman, we prefer the Sikh, especially when hard knocks are in question. The Sikh is not more stupid than the Lankong, while he is far more reliable.

A greater respect for the protective force and administration of this Colony would be probably obtained among the criminal population, if His Excellency would kindly exhibit a certain amount of willingness to hang persons, convicted on the clearest evidence of brutally murdering their fellow creatures, instead of finding an excuse for their respite, or keeping them "bottled up" in the gaol to think over their sins and wickedness. The laws of England state that a man shall be hanged for wilful murder, and the sentences on men, convicted of this crime, are to be carried out, in accordance with custom, as soon after two clear Sundays have elapsed from the date of the conviction as convenient. Our learned friend who has recently been appointed Acting Magistrate would also be of more value to the Colony if he could only free his mind a little from those legal cobwebs, that have been distressing him so much, and choking the business of the police court, during the last few weeks. The gentleman is no doubt possessed of considerable cleverness who can discover legal grounds for discharging an individual caught in the act of pocket picking, because the pocket he picked happened to be an empty one, but in a general way we should prefer a little less legal acumen, and a little more common sense.

CONCERNING the form which the protest of the community ought to take against the causes which have led to the existing insecurity of life and property in the Island, we have been anticipated by our correspondent "N." We cannot help thinking that a meeting is not the best means by which the community could express its opinion. Hongkong is not prolific in orators, or even good speakers; while it seems to us that a well-drafted Memorial, calling upon the Secretary of State for the Colonies to order the appointment of an independent Commission, which shall make a thorough and comprehensive investigation into all acts affecting the criminal classes during the last two or three years, would be equally effective and more convenient. If it be contrary to the etiquette of the Colonial service that the acts of the Governor of a Crown Colony should be inquired into or questioned by officials or civilians on the spot, then let a man of position be named from outside to take the lead, and thus preserve the dignity of the powers that be. Were such a Commission named, and did it so happen that their report pointed to a change in the policy of our administration, His Excellency Mr Hennessy could then accept the verdict which the accumulated wisdom of ability and experience might render with a good grace and an uninjured sense of dignity. Even Mr Hennessy himself, with the clear knowledge he must now possess of the strong antagonism which the bulk of the intelligent and experienced residents here hold regarding his leniency to the criminal classes, should rejoice at the prospect of an impartial investigation. We are all in search of the philosopher's stone of good government as applied in Hongkong. If we are right, the proper sort of Commissioners will be certain to decide that we are so. If Mr Hennessy, on the other hand, be the patriot of progress, standing at bay in the consciousness that his views of how to treat the natives are founded upon right and truth, then the sooner that all this indignation, strong language and public discomfort is dissipated by an unprejudiced, disinterested and independent public investigation, the better.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Yangtze* left Saigon to-day at noon for this port.

According to recent Manila papers, Miss Eliza May is expected there to give a few concerts. She is also advertised at Shanghai.

THE Magistrates will sit to-morrow at 3 o'clock to rehear a case in which one Kwok Chi-fun was summarily convicted for selling stamps to Europeans.

THE Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 8.15 p.m.:—  
March,.....Wedding,.....Mendelssohn.  
Overture,.....La Dame Blanche,.....Boieldieu.  
Selection (Ballet),.....Les Femmes de Savoy,.....Vidal.  
Valse,.....Pastoral Song,.....Bisquith.<

Goulbourne is able to walk about, although still weak. We learn from him that he was not first wounded whilst on the ground, but was standing up at the time. Some of the remarks appear to have been behind him, and prodded him in the back; he immediately turned round, and was stabbed below the eye. After this he fell down, and in attempting to rise was stabbed in the shoulder. He managed to walk, carrying with him his rifle and bayonet, until met by a European, who perceiving the state he was in, put him into a chair, and sent him to the Hospital.

This performance of the opera "The Grand Duchess" last night was very well attended, notwithstanding that this was the third time the Company have produced it here. It was honoured with the presence of Mrs. Hennessy and most of the leading ladies of the Colony. Unfortunately both Miss May and Mr. Vernon were suffering from indisposition—a circumstance which was not without its results upon the performance, neither of the two leading artists playing with the accustomed spirit and effect. We have criticised this performance on two previous occasions, and need not therefore refer to it at any length to-day. Miss Agnes Dragar's violin solo resulted in three encores, one unique performance of hers, partly in harmonies, evidently tickling the fancy of the audience immensely. Miss Clara Stanley made, as before, a charming "Wanda," and gained some well-deserved applause.

An alarm of fire was given this morning about 4 past 2 o'clock. The Engines at once proceeded Eastward, the direction indicated, but by the time they reached No. 2 Station, Inspector Orley returned with the news that the fire was out. It proved to have occurred at a mat-shed or house at Caroline Hill, beyond Messrs Jardine's premises, and was soon reduced to ashes.

No small dissatisfaction has been expressed at the lack of a proper system of telegraphic communication during and after a fire alarm. It is stated that, although this alarm must have been given after the paltry matshed was burned down, no notice whatever was given to any of the engines until the eastern point of Wanchi Market was reached. The exercise of a very small amount of ingenuity would be necessary to prevent such disagreeables, and a minimum of discretion to avoid unnecessary alarms. In the present state of public feeling, however, a small fire might mean anything; and it is said that the wires are or have been out of gear for the last day or two between Wanchi Station and the Central Police Station. Give the—Deane his due.

To make the occurrence all the more annoying, we learn that our gallant friends on board the *Victor Emanuel* (marines and sailors) were nearly all turned out, under the impression that Mount Shadwell Hospital was being reduced by fire. The First Lieutenant got to the Hospital gate at 3.15 a.m., but finding that the Mount was fairly cool and collected, proceeded further East. Two other batches of men from the gunboats did likewise, and these evolutions were performed at the "double." This was most praiseworthy conduct; but does it not denote an equal defect in signalling power in the Naval Departments?

It is a well-known fact that numbers of Chinese are married to European women in the Australian Colonies, and this is one of the sores which rankle in the hearts of the European male inhabitants of that youthful country; but it is perhaps not so well known that the treatment such women may expect at the hands of their Celestial husbands upon their return to the Middle Kingdom is anything but pleasant. Were it otherwise, there would be fewer marriages between such very opposite peoples. Whilst in Australia a Chinaman will to some extent adapt himself to European ideas, and he will at least allow his very much better half to live as she was wont to do. All differences in manners and customs, the poor mistaken woman may notice in her husband, she will perhaps think strange but romantic. The illusion is dispelled, however, as soon as she reaches the "Ancient Hall," where she is treated as are all Chinese wives—shut up from the outer world and jealously-guarded against all prying eyes. She has to adopt the Chinese customs, live in a house, which to her, no matter how lowly her origin, must appear a very hovel, eat food she has been totally unaccustomed to, and mix with people whose very conversation must, providing she understands it, seem strange and hateful to her.

Our readers will perhaps be surprised to hear that in the province of Nanchow there are known to be about a dozen European women married to Chinese, some of whom have large families; and we have heard of one instance in which a poor woman (Irish), who must now be well advanced in years as she has a son about 10 years of age, was only too glad to change her abode, even though she had to sever the Gordian knot. There are at the present moment about

half-a-dozen European women in this colony who are married to Chinese, but their lot is not so hard as their sisters on the mainland, as they are living under British rule, and the style of living they have been accustomed to from childhood is not yet radically changed. Ladies of the "Bloomer" persuasion would perhaps find things more to their mind in the Celestial Empire, but to all others we would earnestly say "beware."—Communicated.

#### SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before His Honor Mr Justice Russell.) 26th September, 1878.

Tam Yut Po v. Kam Sik Ki and another, \$547.84.—This was a claim to recover \$500, with interest and costs, which plaintiff had paid on account of defendant's brother. It appears that plaintiff had been security for defendant's brother, who had absconded with \$1,000 the property of his employers at Singapore.

Tam Yut Po had paid \$500 in settlement of the whole amount, and defendant had given him a promissory note for this sum. Defendants admitted the debt, and judgment was accordingly entered for the plaintiff, for whom Mr Denny appeared.

#### Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.) 26th September, 1878.

LI HAN-TAK, a hawker, was sent to 6 months' hard labour for stealing \$6 from the pocket of one Li Ahn, a farmer.

JAMES GREY, a hawker, was charged with assaulting one Leung Ahn, a hawker, on the 23rd inst. at East Street, Tai-ping-shan, and breaking the door of a house occupied by one Wong Ahing in same street. It appears that defendant had some altercation about a dollar being short weight. This was at length settled, and then defendant proceeded to treat in an improper manner the woman he was with, named Chow Aeng. The mistress of the brothel remonstrated with the defendant, and he then set upon her and beat her.

Defendant denied the charge and said the bruises on the woman were the result of a fall; he never kicked or beat her. All the trouble arose about money, and this case was brought against him. Mr Francis ordered the defendant to pay Wong Ahing, the master of the clothes shop, \$5, as compensation for the broken door and loss of time in appearing to give evidence, and fined \$25, or 1 month's hard labour for the assault.

DESPERADOES. Flore and Russell, two Malay seamen belonging to the Maltese barque *Goliath*, were charged as follows. P. O. No. 78 (William Hock) said that at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday he saw about 20 Malays coming down East Street. They appeared to be running after the 1st defendant, who had a rifle in his hand and was endeavouring to fix the bayonets. 2nd defendant had two Japanese swords in his hands, and struck 1st defendant in the mouth with his fist. Both defendants and most of the other Malays were drunk. Defendants were fined \$25 each.

TO-DAY'S FINES. Lam Aze, a stone-cutter, committing a nuisance at Bank Wharf. Fined 10 cents. Ho Achan, a fishmonger, hawking fresh fish in the public streets contrary to Market Ordinance. Fined 25 cents. Ching Ka Shing and another coolies, fighting and creating a disturbance at Douglas Laprak's Wharf. Fined 50 cents each.

Chan Akwok, cook, and Chan Akai, tailor, gambling in the public streets. Fined \$1 each.

Wong Ayan, coolie, employed at the Baracks, out without light or pass and resisting the police. Fined \$3.

Chan Kam Yan and four others, boatmen, obstructing the passage of the S. S. *Conqueror* as she entered the harbour to-day, by making fast to her before she had anchored. 4th defendant fined \$3 each, an old offender, and others fined \$1 each, the whole being bound over in their own recognizance \$6 to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1878.  
Sir,—I am glad to see from your last night's paper that there is some chance of the community taking steps to make itself heard upon the present condition of affairs in the Colony and fully echo your hope that the right will be hit on the head. I trust therefore that the memorial or whatever other form the expression of opinion may take will include a demand that a thorough, strict and impartial investigation shall take place into the circumstances connected with the affair of the 24th instant.

That such investigation shall be by a Commission which shall sit with open doors and shall have the power to call for evidence from any of the officers of the Government it may think proper.

I am, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
M.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1878.  
Sir,—Having seen several articles in your valuable organ, signed "Blasphemy," "Sensitization," and "Humanitarian," I beg to trespass on your space and the public indulgence in a few remarks which have occurred to me. In the first place, I think it hardly creditable to the authors of the above effusions; why if they have anything to say, don't they say it out and not talk about Blasphemy, Sensitization, and Humanitarianism in language about chastisement with a feather, worthy Governor &c., &c.? A few questions perhaps should be better, and I think there will be little difficulty in answering them.

1st. Why is there no night patrol (mounted), so that the Constables and Lookouts are at their posts and on the alert? Has any valid reason been shown for dispensing with such a necessary measure? How is it that so many men could lead without

observation presumably after 11 p.m. if the Praya not properly and suitably guarded? If so, why this influx not reported to the proper quarters? Why has the press and light system been abolished? Or if it has been, why has it not been officially reported? Had such been done, residents would most likely have armed themselves and tried to protect their own property, the Chinese character (the lower class and pirates) being well known to many of the old residents. It seems that all the wisdom and knowledge gained by many years' experience, by a succession of Governors and Councils (men of undoubted intellect and discernment) has been of late put on one side. It would seem the Authorities of the present day think hitherto we have been all wrong, or else that they arrogate to themselves a knowledge of Chinese character far superior to that of their predecessors. There is one thing more I would ask, and that is, Who is answerable for the deaths, should there be any, of the Constables and others who have been wounded in the late affair? I should say that culpable neglect or wilfulness on the part of our authorities to keep proper watch and ward over the peace of the Colony and the lives of its citizens would render the responsible ones amenable to the laws of the Colony &c.

Yours &c.,  
OBSERVER.

#### Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)  
Owing to a petition by Mr William M. Clark, timber merchant, for the vessels consigned to him and engaged in the timber trade with China, to go to the coast of Luzon, in the province of Tayabas, to load timber without the necessity of first calling at Manila, together with many other considerations, the Direction General of the Exchequer thought fit to permit the vessels from foreign ports, and engaged in the exportation of timber, to proceed for that purpose to any open ports of the Philippines if such is convenient to their interests. A slight shock of earthquake was reported by the Central Telegraph office as having been felt about 7 o'clock on the morning of the 20th September, in Lipa, Batangas, and Manila.

We hear that one of the passengers arrived per *Emeralda*, from Hongkong, in the secretary of the Governor-General of that Colony, who will remain a few days here. When the steamer *Emeralda* left Hongkong, the Bar did not indicate bad weather, but the sea was rough; on approaching the coasts of Luzon the glass commenced to fall, and a very fresh S.W. wind blowing, which somewhat retarded her voyage.

The fine house at Nagtahan, belonging to the estate of Russell and Sturge, has been sold by auction for the sum of \$14,700, on the 19th Sept.

A minute gun was fired at 15 minutes' interval by the *Dona Maria de Molina* during the hold day of the 11th Sept., in consequence of the death of the Queen Maria Cristina. The obsequies for the repose of her soul were set down for the 28th instant, in the Church of San Domingo.

Arrivals.—Sept. 1, Panay, from Hongkong; 2, Flodden, from New Castle; 3, Merwina, from Melbourne; 3, *Emeralda*, from Hongkong; 6, *Emu*, from Hongkong; 8, *Belted Will*, from Singapore; 8, *Mariveles*, from Singapore; 9, *Thales*, from Hongkong; 13, *Penedo*, from Hongkong; 14, *Pepita*, from Cadix; 16, *Salvadora*, from Hongkong; 20, *Emeralda*, from Hongkong; 20, *Oragowl*, from Newcastle, N.S.W.

Departures.—Sept. 3, *Aurora*, for Singapore; 6, *Panay*, for Singapore; 6, *Salvadora*, for Hongkong; 6, *White Rose*, for New York; 6, *Emeralda*, for Hongkong; 7, *Corona*, for San Francisco; 8, *West Australian*, for Liverpool; 10, *Emu*, for Hongkong; 11, *Villa de Rivadavia*, for Hongkong; 13, *John O'Gaunt*, for St. Helena; 13, *Sempraval*, for Havre; 20, *Mariveles*, for Singapore.

#### ELEPHANT ADVENTURE IN CEYLON.

The following extract, says a correspondent of the *Field*, from a letter received from my brother in Ceylon and dated April 6, may interest some of your readers:—"I came back from my shooting trip last Sunday. There is a hut built for shooting purposes at Wallingford. The latter came, and I started next morning to look for spotted deer, or anything else that might turn up. I had my small Express; the tracker had my gun, and a coolie carried the big rifle. I had walked for several miles without seeing anything, when we suddenly came on the fresh track of elephants. I asked the tracker how far he thought they might be, and he said about four miles. I thought this was too far to bother about them if being already late; so we kept on. The tracker had told me that the tracks were made by only two elephants, and that they were both 'rogues.' When we had gone only a few hundred yards I heard a twig break a few yards to my left, and thinking it might be a deer, I drew the tracker's attention to it. After listening a minute he said 'Alla,' the name for an elephant in the Cingalese language. I scarcely believed him at first, but I took my heavy rifle from the coolie and put in a couple of cartridges made on the chance of getting them. Just there the jungle was very thick and all over thorns, so that one could scarcely turn. We soon came in sight of two elephants, and the tracker wanted me to fire at once at a distance of about thirty-five yards. As I knew that it was a mistake to fire at too great a distance I told the tracker and coolie to stick close to me, and I stalked them to within twenty yards, of course taking care to go up wind. Just at this moment they heard me, and the biggest one turned sharp round. Before he had time to move I fired, aiming at his forehead. I did not see what happened, as the smoke hung dreadfully, but heard a fearful crashing, and, looking under the smoke, I saw the other elephant making off nearly straight away. I aimed behind his ear, and he came down to my great delight. I rushed up at once, but he hid got up, and stood broadside to me, looking very sick. I took a steady aim at his temple (having loaded the rifle again) and pulled. To my surprise and horror, instead of falling he charged straight at me with his trunk straight out before him. As I had only one barrel of my rifle loaded, I put my hand behind my gun (loaded with

ball), keeping my eye on the elephant. Not getting it, I turned round and saw the tracker disappearing in the jungle with my gun. The coolie was out of sight. I have always read in books that you should not fire at a charging elephant till he puts his trunk down, but I do not believe they always do it. At all events I did not wait for this, but fired when he was about twelve or fifteen yards off. I could only see his head in a confused mass, and banded into the middle of it. He came down with a crash. I ran to see what had become of the animal, and found them quite close, so I shouted for the guns; but before I reached them the elephant got up, fell down again, and then went staggering into a thicket, thorny bit of jungle, with his ears and trunk drooping, and his head away from side to side. If I had only had a gun while he lay so long on the ground. You may be sure I blessed those two fellows well; and to make matters worse I would not go a step after the elephant. I followed him for about a hundred yards by his blood, but then had to turn back, the place was so thorny, and went to the top of a grass hill near to watch the jungle in case he came out, but he did not. On going back I found the fellows where I left them, too frightened to move. The tracker then told me that my first elephant fell to the shot, and though I did not believe him, I went to look at the place. Sure enough, the brute was there stone dead, with the bullet right in the middle of his forehead. Though both the elephants were large, this was far the bigger of the two, and appeared a very old one. I have his tusks now. The other one had none; very few have any in Ceylon, and a really fine tusker is seldom seen. There is a report in the papers that there are two in the Horton Plains with splendid tusks, but I doubt it. The elephants were so many miles from the bungalow that I only went back to the place, and then it was too dark to look for the other dead one. An immense quantity of the meat of the first had been eaten by a leopard during the night. I waited till dark for him, but he would not again appear. I have no doubt I could have bagged him had there been moonlight. Besides the elephant, I got two deer and two spotted hares. One of the latter had beautiful horns, but in velvet, and so useless; the other pair I have now. I shot a great many jungle fowl and pigeons every evening, and kept myself, the boy, and seven coolies well supplied with food.—A. C."

#### THE DIFFICULTIES OF FICTION.

It is the barest truism to say that wonderful attention to minute detail causes much of the interest that is always felt in a book which is perhaps read earlier and remembered longer than any other. Every body has been interested in the account of the manifold contrivances by which Crusoe made himself so comfortable in his island; but, marvellously ingenious as they are, the details of the story sometimes clash. Curiously enough, Defoe even makes a error in describing the means which Crusoe had at first for describing the incidents of his solitary life. Just after recording the erection of the post on which the days were recorded by notches, Robinson Crusoe says that he has hitherto omitted to mention something which in his several voyages he brought from the wreck, "as, in particular, pens, ink, and paper," yet in the next paragraph he accidentally makes the following statement:—"I now found I wanted many things, notwithstanding all that I had amassed together, and of these that of ink was one; as also spade, pick-axe, and shovel to dig or remove the earth." He is guilty of an equally fatal slip in speaking of the killing of the goat, which has interested almost every boy who could read, and would indeed have been a very important incident to a real castaway, in showing how food was to be obtained. In the part of the book which precedes very minutely the manner in which he walked and shot the goat and how the kid stayed by the body, and adds:—"When I carried the old one with me upon my shoulders, the kid followed me quite to my inclosure, upon which I laid down the dam and took the kid in my arms, and carried it over my pale." Here everything is very precise; but, alas! in the journal where all the dates are given, it appears that the goat was killed on October 31st, when Robinson Crusoe had been a month on the island, and that the pale of posts and cables, of which so much is said in the book, was not begun until January 3 in the next year. It is also curious that this fence or pale, surrounding that enclosure which, with its tent and adjacent cave, seemed to so many boys a kind of earthly paradise, is described in the journal as having been begun on the 14th inst. and finished on April 14th, in sad contradiction to the statement which Crusoe makes in a preceding passage where, after complaining in the words already quoted that he had no spade or pickaxe, he says:—"This want of tools made every work I did go on heavily, and it was near a whole year before I had finished my little pale or surrounded inclosure," going on to describe the time and labour which were required for cutting, carrying home, and driving in the piles of stakes. A still more curious slip occurs when he speaks of taking fish, for he says that he had a long line of rope yarn, but no hooks; and yet, in the same sentence, he states that he frequently caught fish enough, without in the least indicating how he did it. Defoe probably meant to describe some contrivance, but could not think of anything at the moment, and forgot to supply the deficiency. Another mistake is made when the solitary hero is telling of his return home after his journey to a part of the island remote from that on which he had made his dwelling-place. He says that when he came home he "contemplated with great pleasure" the fruitfulness of the valley he had just visited, and "the pleasantness of the situation," coming to the conclusion that he had fixed his abode in a naturally enough. Upon the whole I began to consider removing my habitation, and to look out for a place, equally safe as where I now was situated; if possible, in that pleasant, fruitful part of the island. The thought ran long in my head, and I was exceedingly fond of it for some time. He goes on to say, however, that he determined to remain in his abode on account of its being by the sea-side, so that if any sailors should be, like himself, cast away on the coast, he might see them! All this is of course just like a true record, but it is unfortunately inconsistent with the statement made by him a little later in the

narrative, where after saying he was surprised to find that he had taken up his lot on the worst side of the island, and that food was more plentiful on the other, he continues:—"I confess this side of the country was much pleasanter than mine, but yet I had not the least inclination to remove; for as I was fixed in my habitation, it became natural to me, the charms of home now taking the place of the hope of seeing other human creatures. Another mistake occurs where he is made to speak of the religious thoughts which came over him; and this is the more remarkable because Defoe had obviously given great attention to this part of the book. Robinson Crusoe, it may be remembered, when ill from the ague, has a dream which frightens him awaking and in telling of his feelings on aching he says:—"I had, alas, no divine knowledge; what I had received by the good instruction of my father was then worn out by an unintermitted series (for eight years) of seafaring wickedness," and I was all that the most hardened, unthinking, wicked creature among our common sailors can be supposed to be; not having the least sense, either of the fear of God or danger, or of thankfulness to God in deliverances." It is strange that Defoe, when writing this impressive passage should have forgotten that he had made Crusoe say, after describing the manner in which he was first washed on shore, that directly he found himself safe he began to look up and thank Providence that his life was saved.

Men are, however, not always consistent when they speak of these grave subjects, and it may be said that the other errors which have been pointed out are not greater than such as might be found in a real narrative, inasmuch as people when recounting the facts of their lives are apt to mix up dates and to be forgetful in other ways. But it may be doubted whether this argument would apply to some at least of the mistakes which have been mentioned. That respecting the ink, for instance, would hardly have been made by Alexander Selkirk if he had been capable of recording what happened to him. A man who had been left in utter solitude would recollect whether at first he had ink to write with or not, and at all events could not produce a journal after saying that ink was wanting to him. Yet if this and the other inconsistencies of which we have spoken are put aside as not being greater than those which might be found in a record based on truth, the same can hardly be said of the mistake which was surely made in not accounting for the absence of any other foot-prints near that famous one which so alarmed Robinson Crusoe, or of a singular and almost comic discrepancy which occurs in the description of the battle with the savages. As the reader need hardly be told, these had with them a white man, whom they had with prisoner, and kept fast bound. After giving an account of the rout of the savages, Robinson Crusoe says:—"I cut the flags which tied the hands and feet of the poor creature, and, lifting him up, asked him in the Portuguese tongue what he was! He answered me in Latin *Christianus*; but so very weak and faint that he could scarce stand or speak." A dram of rum and a piece of bread were, however, sufficient to infuse some strength into him that, on receiving a sword and pistol from Crusoe, and being told to do what he could, "he did so with such courage and intrepidity that he cut two of them to pieces in an instant (the savages not having it in their power to fly for their lives)." Now, how a man almost unable to stand or speak from exhaustion could be so invigorated by a little rum and bread as to be forthwith strong enough to cut in pieces a couple of tough savages passes comprehension. Mere inaccuracy and forgetfulness, such as are often to be found in real narratives, would not produce a marvel of this kind, and the curious error is a strong proof of the difficulty of avoiding in fiction mistakes which would never be made by one who was trying to describe what he had himself witnessed.

It is hardly necessary to say that the contradictions in Robinson Crusoe have been spoken of without any intention of attempting to depreciate that wonderful work, which indeed as a whole is almost above attack. As we said at the outset, our object in pointing out the mistakes in this ever-popular story has been to show the immense difficulty of writing consistent fiction, from the fact that in one of the best fictions ever written several discrepancies are to be found.—Saturday Review.

#### SAND-BATHING.

Women suffer even more than men from the tyranny of this atrocious custom of surf-bathing. For a woman to enter the surf involves a long and abstruse process of undressing and redressing, which is a terrible strain upon her strength and temper. Moreover, the act of bathing makes pitiless revelations concerning the female form. It is estimated that at least eleven thousand young men annually return from Long Beach with the conviction that woman is wholly false with the exception of a rude frame-work, intolerable to the aesthetic eye. When to the complex agonies which surf-bathing inflicts upon the sensitive female mind, is added the struggle of deciding whether to leave off the back hair, and then confess its falseness, or to wear it in the water and so spoil it, it can be readily understood that the sea is bitterly thought secretly hated by the fair sex. Were mankind only to agree that surf-bathing should be regarded as a crime against fashion, the sea-shore would lose its horrors, and become what it still is to inland points, a really unobjectionable place. We might then rediscover the true use of the sea-shore, and find it as healthful and enjoyable as our ancestors found it in the days when Fire Island earned its appropriate name. An ingenious antiquarian has lately shown that though Fire Island was, a century ago, a sea-side resort famous for its bathing, no one ever entered the Fire Island surf. In those days people bathed in the sand. The visitor to Fire Island went to the beach in the morning, accompanied by a native Fire Islander and a spade. By the united efforts of the latter a hole was dug in the warm sand, in which the visitor, freed from all garments, was buried, with the exception of his head and hands. An umbrella and a cigar were then given to him, and he was left to enjoy himself. In the height of the season the beach was thickly planted with visitors, while the natives walked up and down between the rows of heads, protecting them from the attacks of the inevitable children, who look upon sand as matter out of place, unless it is thrown in the face and down the necks of grown-up people. After an hour or two of sand-bathing the visitors were dug up, and returned to their clothing and

hotel, refreshed and healed of all manner of diseases. Such was the simple sea-side custom of our fathers. It is too late for us to abandon the repulsive vice of surf-bathing, and to return to the only true and safe method of utilizing the sand beach? The advantages of sand bathing are so manifest that they need scarcely be mentioned. The bather requires no bathing-dress. He or she—at the case may be—is concealed from public view while bathing, with the solitary exception of the head, neck, and arms, and the latter, not being exposed to the ravages of salt water, can be embellished to any extent by art. The bather rests quietly in the sand, secure against the danger of being knocked violently down and buried under a thousand tons of water. Instead of swallowing the coarse and unpalatable mix ure with which the basin of the Atlantic is filled, the male sand-bather can sip well cold tea, and the female sand-bather can indulge in ice-cream. Books can be read and handkerchiefs can be embroidered in the sand as well as on it. What could be more delightful than to be buried under to one's heart's idol while a single umbrella shuts out the world, and it is certain that the old people will not be dug up for two long, blissful hours. The Long Branch beach, planted with three thousand visitors, in, say, six rows, with space enough between the hills to permit waiters to walk and carry refreshments, would be a sight that would fill Angels with joy and writhings of laughter.—New York Times.

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 26, 1878.  
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$400 a 602½  
" Old Patna, cash, 570 a 672½  
" credit, None  
" New Benares, cash, 540 a 542½  
" credit, None  
" Old Benares, cash, 540 a 542½  
" credit, None  
" New Malwa, cash, 775  
" credit, 780  
" Allowance Teels, 6 a 24  
" Old Malwa, cash, —  
" credit, —  
" Allowance Teels, —

#### Exchange.

Bank on demand, ... 3/8  
" 30 days sight, ... 3/8 a 4  
" 6 months sight, ... 3/8 a 4  
Credit, ... 3/8 a 4  
Documentary, 6 months sight, 3/8 a 4  
Bombay demand Rupees, 222  
Calcutta, ... 222  
Shanghai demand, ... 72½  
" 30 days, ... 72½  
English Sovereigns, ... 5.55  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.35  
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 10, ... 109½  
Suez, ... 8½  
Mexicans, ... 1 a 4 counted.  
Gold Leaf, ... 27.10  
Discount, ... 8 to 9 p.c.

#### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 77½ prem.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,700  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,550  
Yongtze Ins. Assoc., Tia. 725  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$885  
North China Ins. Co., Tia. 1,230  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$940  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$335  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$28½ prem.  
H.K. & M. S. Dock Co., \$13½ prem.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tia. 20  
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tia. 104  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$97½  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$166  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104  
Do. of 1877, \$105

#### Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, September 26, 1878.  
BAROMETER.—9 A.M. ... 29.990  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.950  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.934  
THERMOMETER.—9 A.M. ... 87  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 89  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 80  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 79  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 70  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 70  
Do. Maximum ... 90  
Do. Minimum over night 81

#### Shipping Intelligence.

The following are corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.—

#### VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.  
When Name. From.  
25, O. B. S., Liverpool  
Mar.  
23, Oracle, Liverpool  
30, Bristolian (s.), Antwerp  
Apr.  
16, Invincible, Penarth  
May  
9, Napier, Cardiff  
16, Verona, New York  
17, Lord Macaulay, Hamburg  
18, Niagara, Ouzhaven  
June  
1, Marina, London  
14, Emily Chaplin, Cardiff  
22, Ochamirsky, Penarth  
23, Underwriter, Fortress Monroe  
23, Melbrek, London  
July  
16, Annie Bow, Newcastle (s.s.w.)  
18, Lorimer, Newcastle (s.s.w.)  
17, Leucadia, Newcastle (s.s.w.)  
18, Spynham, London  
21, Stant, Antwerp  
27, Hylm, Cardiff  
28, Abbey Cooper, Antwerp  
30, Sumaride, Hamburg  
31, Chamer, Cardiff  
Aug.  
1, Bury St. Edmunds, Penarth  
7, Alfredo, Cardiff  
9, Urania, Penarth  
10, Core, London  
11, Lota, Cardiff  
LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.  
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.  
Glenafloch, Glenasmole  
Glenafloch, Glenasmole  
Glenafloch, Glenasmole  
Glenafloch, Glenasmole  
Glenafloch, Glenasmole  
At Liverpool.  
Anchises (s.), Sarpedon (s.)  
Deception (s.)

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
Also,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th September,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. SINDH, Commandant BRUNET,  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPORE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.  
Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.  
Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 27th September, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.  
H. DE POUEY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, September 17, 1878.

### Occidental & Oriental Steam- Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on TUESDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m.,  
taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan,  
the United States and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 30th September. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.  
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.  
For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.  
G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, September 11, 1878.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA  
BOMBAY,  
Also  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"HINDOSTAN," Captain N. W. HARRIS-  
wood, will leave this on THURSDAY, the  
10th October, at Noon.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

### U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF  
TOKYO will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY,  
the 15th October, at Noon, taking  
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.  
Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.  
Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.  
On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE,  
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to  
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,  
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and  
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMER-  
SION.  
Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. of 14th October. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.  
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.  
For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Praya Central.  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, September 22, 1878.

**TO LET.**  
THREE OFFICES in Club Chambers,  
The BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shelley  
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Apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

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HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,  
with Godowns attached.  
House No. 7, Calne Road, at present  
occupied by The Hon. CHAS. SMITH.  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, September 2, 1878.

**TO LET.**  
IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East:—  
FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of  
No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or  
together, as required, with immediate pos-  
session.  
HOUSE No. 8, Praya East. The whole  
House or in Flats, with  
immediate possession.

As also,  
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-  
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HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at  
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partments of Two or Three Rooms to suit con-  
venience. Fine spacious Verandah looking  
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TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED  
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,  
Praya Central.  
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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.  
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ESTABLISHED 1809.  
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THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.  
GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-  
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POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
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Attention is invited to a considerable  
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MEYER & Co.,  
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UNITED STATES.  
HENRY B. HYDE, President,  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President,  
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary,  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
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PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
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MELOCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
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YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-  
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CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up..... \$1,420,000  
PAID-UP RESERVE FUND..... 230,000  
STOCKHOLDERS' FUND..... 104,000  
Total Capital and Accumulations..... \$1,754,000  
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RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

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(LIMITED.)**  
**NOTICE.**  
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are distributed annually to Contributors,  
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OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.  
NORTON & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.**  
(FIRE AND LIFE.)  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.  
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.  
Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.  
If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—  
Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.  
Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.  
Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
\$5,000 at reduced rates.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.**  
THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Batavia and Penang.  
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
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SO CHANGING FOR FIDELITY FEE.  
JAS. B. COUGHER, Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

**Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.**  
To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.  
Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name	Flag	Class	Tons	Date of Arrival	Consignee or Agents	Destination	Remarks
Bombay	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Holhow & Halphong	
Conquest	Brit.	str.	317	Sept. 26	Kwok Acheong	Bangkok	To-morrow
Danube	Brit.	str.	564	Sept. 17	Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	To-day
Diamond	Brit.	str.	1240	Sept. 25	Butterfield & Swire	Coast Ports	30th inst.
Douglas	Brit.	str.	864	Sept. 24	Douglas Laprak & Co.		Tug-Boat
Fame	Brit.	str.	117		H. K. & W. P. Dock Co.		
Fatchoy	Brit.	str.	153		G. McLean		
Gaelic	Brit.	str.	1712	Sept. 16	O. & S. S. Co.	Thames & S. F. de la	1st inst.
Kionohow	Brit.	str.	1036	Sept. 2	Kwok Acheong	Saporo and Penang	28th inst.
Lorne	Brit.	str.	1044	Sept. 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
Malacca	Brit.	str.	1036	Sept. 2	Hop Kae		
Mayenne	Brit.	str.	1044	Sept. 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Norma	Brit.	str.	608	June 20			
Olympia	Brit.	str.	789	June 28	Kwok Acheong		
Pernambuco	Brit.	str.	643	Sept. 22	Molchers & Co.	Swatow	To-morrow
Quinta	Brit.	str.	874	Sept. 17	Boey Shing	Salgon	To-morrow
Salvadora	Brit.	str.	615	Sept. 25	Benedict & Co.	Manila	
Sea Gull	Brit.	str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	Macedonia, &c.	Malta, 28th
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